

Sl.No.	Language	No. of Publications
11.	Tamil	11
12.	Telugu	16
13.	Malayalam	05
14.	Kannada	15
15.	Sanskrit	0
16.	Nepali	1
17.	Mizo	1
18.	Khasi	0
19.	Konkani	0
20.	Manipuri	1
TOTAL:		374

Services of I and B Units in the NER

1599. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government for making available the service of Information and Broadcasting units in the North-East States, especially Manipur;

(b) whether Government have no plan to provide grants to the State Institute of Journalism, Imphal which was assured by the previous Government; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The Media Units under this Ministry have their regional/State presence in the North-Eastern States, including Manipur. Expansion of these services is an ongoing process and is subject to budget constraints.

For the Broadcasting Sector, Radio and TV coverage in North- East Region (including Sikkim) is presently estimated to be available to 93.75% and 82% respectively by population. Area-wise Radio and TV coverage in North-East Region is estimated to be 73.62% and 54% respectively. Radio and TV coverage in Manipur is estimated to be available to 80.4% and 67% by population and 48.3% and 32.1% by area.

In order to further improve AIR/Doordarshan coverage in the North-East States, a number of AIR projects and TV Transmitter projects of Doordarshan, as detailed in the Statement (*See below*) are presently under various stages of implementation.

(b) and (c) There is no scheme in this Ministry under which grants can be provided to the State Institute of Journalism, Imphal.

Statement

AIR and Doordarshan Projects under implementation

Sl. No.	Doordarshan		All India Radio	
	State	Location & Scheme	State	Location & Scheme
1.	Assam	Transposer-Guwahati	Assam	Silchar-20 KW MW Tr. (Repl. of existing 10 KW MW)
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	VLPTs-Deomali & Italin	Arunachal Pradesh	Changlong-CRS with 1 KW FM Tr. Khonsa-CRS with 1 Kw FM Tr.
3.	Manipur	HPT-Churachandpur	Manipur	Churachandpur-LRS with 6 KW FM Tr. Imphal-10 KW FM Tr. Imphal-300 KW MW Tr. (Repl. of existing 50 KW MW)
4.	Mizoram	LPT-Lowngtali	Mizoram	Chemphai-CRS with 1 KW FM Tr. Aizawl-6KW FM Tr. Aizal-20KW MW Tr. (Repl. of existing 20 KW MW)
5.	Nagaland	Transposer-Barabasti	Nagaland	Phek-CRS with 1KW FM Tr. Kohima-100 KW MW Tr. (Repl. of existing 50KW MW)
6.	Tripura	LPTs-Amarpur, Ambassa & Jolaibari	Tripura	Dharmanagar-LRS with 1KW MW Tr. Nutan Bazar-CRS with 1KW FM Tr. Agartala-10 KW FM Tr. Longtherai-LRS with 6 KW FM Tr.
7.	Sikkim	VLPT-Zorethang	Sikkim	Gangtok-20KW MW Tr. (Repl. of existing 20 KW MW)
8.			Meghalaya	Shillong-10KW FM Tr. Tura-20KW MW Tr. (Repl. of existing 20 KW MW)